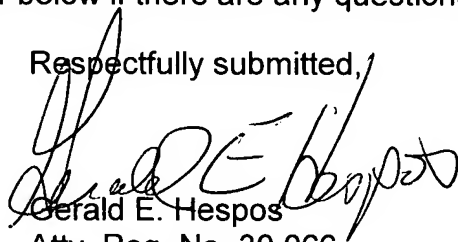


### REMARKS

Claims 1-8 remain in the application. All of the claims have been allowed as filed. The claims were filed in a "European format" with reference numeral. However, the assignee prefers to have its U.S. patents issue without reference numerals in the claims. This Amendment merely eliminates the reference numerals from the allowed claims. Reference numerals are not required under U.S. patent law and are given no patentable weight. Accordingly, this Amendment to eliminate the reference numerals has no effect on the scope of the claims and requires no searching or consideration by the Examiner. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is believed to be appropriate and is requested. Please contact the applicants attorney at the number below if there are any questions.

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